## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

In re: LISA R. SPRINGS-WILLIAMS

Debtor

NO.: 18-18309

Wilmington Savings Fund Society

V.

Lisa R. Springs-Williams

Respondent

Respondent

## MOTION OF WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY FOR RELIEF FROM THE AUTOMATIC STAY

Wilmington Savings Fund Society ("Movant"), by its attorneys, Weber Gallagher Simpson Stapleton Fires & Newby, LLP, Peter E. Meltzer appearing, hereby moves for relief from the automatic stay. Grounds for this motion are as follows:

- This court has jurisdiction over this contested matter pursuant to the provisions of 28
   U.S.C. Section 1334 and 157(b)(2)(G).
- 2. Movant files this motion pursuant to Bankruptcy Rules 9013 and 9014 and Section 362(d)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 3. On or about June 28, 2006, Beneficial Mutual Savings Bank loaned Debtor the principal sum of \$56,905.00.00 with interest in accordance with the terms and conditions of a certain Promissory Note dated the same date executed by Debtor in favor of Beneficial Mutual Savings Bank (the "Note").
- 4. In order to secure repayment of the obligations set forth in the Note, Debtor executed and delivered to Beneficial Mutual Savings Bank a mortgage on certain real property located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (the "Mortgage"). Said property is more particularly described as 1820 W. Juniata Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140 (the "Property"). The

- Mortgage was recorded on July 19, 2006 with the Philadelphia County Recorder of Deeds at Instrument No. 51488239.
- 5. Movant is the holder of the Note and Mortgage as the successor in interest by merger with Beneficial Mutual Savings Bank.
- 6. Both the Note and the Mortgage contain a provision that if any installments of principal or interest should remain unpaid after the same shall fall due, or in the case of a default of the payment of tax, water, sewer and assessments, or other governmental charges, after the same shall fall due, then, at the option of the mortgagee, all principal sums and all unpaid interest, advances made by the mortgagee, attorneys fees and costs of court may be declared immediately due and payable.
- 7. Debtor has failed to make the payments due on June 1, 2019 through July 1, 2019.
- 8. The Mortgage provides that upon default in payment of any sums due under the Note and Mortgage, the Movant may pursue foreclosure proceedings against the Property and may also recover all costs of collection and reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to the mortgage foreclosure action or any other legal action taken by Movant against the Debtor.
- 9. As of the date hereof, Debtor is indebted to Movant under the loan documents in the amount of \$1,929.02, consisting of 2 post-petition payment totaling \$998.02 and attorney's fees and costs associated with this Motion of \$931.00.
- 10. Under Section 362(d)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, the court has the authority to terminate or modify the automatic stay "for cause, including lack of adequate protection of an interest in property of such party in interest."
- 11. Given the Debtor's failure to make post-petition payments to Movant under the loan

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documents, cause exists to lift the automatic under Section 362(d)(1) of the Bankruptcy

Code so that Movant may commence the exercise of its rights and remedies under the

loan documents.

12. It is well established in Pennsylvania and elsewhere that a Debtor's failure to make post-

petition mortgage payments in a Chapter 13 case can constitute cause to grant relief from

the automatic stay. See, e.g., In re Keays, 36 B.R. 1016, 1017 (Bankr. E.D.Pa. 1984) and

cases cited therein.

WHEREFORE, for all of the foregoing reasons, Movant requests that, pursuant to

Section 362(d)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, the automatic stay be terminated to permit Movant to

exercise its proper rights and remedies under its loan documents with Debtor, schedule the

sheriff's sale of the mortgaged premises, take legal title to the mortgaged premises, and that

Movant be granted such other and further relief as may be just and equitable under the

circumstances.

Dated: July 16, 2019

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